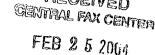
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Introductory Comments

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on December 3, 2003, Applicants hereby file this Amendment after Final Rejection.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 and 22-23 are pending with claims 13-21 withdrawn.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.